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REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO REPORT ON THE HISTORY AND
STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE OF AGUA FRIA.

WHEREAS, the traditional village of Agua Fria was settled
in the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, the lands in and around Agua Fria were farmed and
irrigated for over three hundred years; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that as much as eighty percent of
the water rights that were attached to those lands have been
lost or taken; and

WHEREAS, many of these water rights may have been lost or
transferred without sufficient due process; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of those lands have not
received an adequate explanation of how those water rights were
lost or taken;

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